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# GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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Major Part B for

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SUBJECT.

Elimination of the personal name of Diwan in the Registration of Shareholder in Kempinkoli Gold Field Company.

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Ordered to cancel
replies sent up "out".

To
T. H. S. Boddam Esq

Sir, I am directed by the Dewan to forward herewith for your info. Copy of letter No. 43/1 of 2 [illegible] London from the ~~Secretary of State~~ . . . .

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I ~~was~~ have the honor to invite attention to Mr Bs remarks in para 93 of Appendix C of his report. ~~He says~~ there Reference to the Shares held by the Mysore State in the Kempinkote Gold fields Company he says that the Objection of the Company to register these Shares in the name of "The Dewan of Mysore" without the addn of the personal name of the individual holding for the time being "was considered "as frivolous but the Directors ~~absolutely~~ "refused absolutely to alter the register "and thus the matter stands at present"

This not accurate, for the last letter from the Comp. which was on the file to which Mr B had access (which enclosure ~~was from the~~ Said the Company were quite willing to alter the registration, if legal opinion could be obtained in favor of such a step - Such legal opinion has since been furnished & no difficulty of any kind is apprehended —

+ Ltr dd 23 Oct 1895 enclosed

Yours
by
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No. 8890—*M.* 107,
*Enclo* 1.

OFFICE OF THE DEWAN OF MYSORE,
*Dated Bangalore, 5th February* 1897.

FROM

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF MYSORE,
*General & Revenue Departments.*

To

T. H. S. BIDDULPH, ESQ,
*Deputy Auditor-General,*
*(on Special duty in Mysore.)*

SIR,

Adverting to your remarks in para 93 of Appendix C to your report on the Mysore Accounts dated 13th July 1896, I am desired by the Dewan to forward for your information copy of letter No. 43—D. C., dated 24th December 1896 from the Directors of the Kempinkote Gold Field Company (Limited). At the time of your report the Company had (by their letter dated 23rd October 1895) offered to alter the registration of the shares in question. if legal opinion could be obtained in favor of such a step. Such opinion having been since furnished the Company has now eliminated the personal name of the Dewan as the holder of the shares in question, namely 33,583 belonging to the State and 16,000 belonging to the Personal Estate of His Highness the Maharaja—total 49,583 shares. By this action the Company has withdrawn their previous objection which had been regarded by the Durbar as frivolous.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

C. SREENIVASIENGAR,
*Secy. to Govt., Genl. & Rev. Deptts.*

Original in red

No. 43.
D. C.

6, Queen Street Place,
London, 24th December 1896.

*From*

*The Directors, Kempinkote Gold Field Limited,*
*6, Queen Street Place, London, E. C.*

*To*

*The Secretary to the Government of Mysore,*
*Geological Department,*
*Office of the Dewan of Mysore,*
*Bangalore.*

Sir,

I brought your letter of the 6th October last, regarding the elimination of the personal name of the Dewan of Mysore in the registration of the shares held in this Company by the Government of Mysore, before the Board of Directors of this Company at a recent meeting held by them; when the question was again discussed, and I have now the pleasure to inform you that the following Resolution was then passed *viz*:—

"That in accordance with the request of the Govern-
"ment of Mysore (which request is now stated by the
"Company's solicitors to be worthy of acceptance by
"the Board) the Share Register of the Company be altered
"so as to eliminate the personal name of the 'Dewan of
"Mysore' as the holder of 49,583 shares, leaving the
"shares as standing in the name of the 'Dewan of
"Mysore'."

The necessary alteration has therefore been made, and I have communicated this fact to Messrs. Coutts & Co. informing them also that I shall be pleased to amend the certificate on receiving it from them.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant;
(Sd). JOHN GARLAND,
*Secretary,*
*for the Kempinkote Gold Field Limited.*

No. 44-D. OFFICE OF THE DEWAN OF MYSORE,
*Dated Camp Mysore, 17th February* 1897.

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FROM

THE DEWAN OF MYSORE.

To

THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

SIR,

I have the honor, in continuation of the correspondence marginally noted,* to forward herewith copy of the Comptroller's confidential letter to me No. E., dated 9th February 1897 (with an enclosure) submitting his explanation upon Mr. Biddulph's remarks in Appendix F of his report of 13th July 1896.

*1. My letter No. 21-D., dated 29th September 1896.
No. 25-D., dated 15th October 1896, and
No. 35-D, dated 18th December 1896.
2. Assistant Resident's letter Camp No. 83, dated 4th February 1897.

2. I take this opportunity to submit for information copy of letter to Mr. Biddulph, No. 8890—M. 107, dated 5th February 1897, regarding certain shares in the Kempinkote Gold Field Company (Limited), referred to in para 93 of Appendix C of Mr. Biddulph's report of 13th July 1896.

3. Adverting to para 22 of my letter No. 21—D., dated 29th September 1896, I beg to report that the Comptroller is carrying out the instructions issued to him as therein stated. The work involved appears to be so heavy that I apprehend there will be some short delay in the submission of the report which I had expected to be able to send in by the 31st March 1897.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
K. SHESHADRI IYER,
*Dewan.*

No. 44 & Camp Mysore, 17th Feb 1897.
D Govt of N.I. Desp. 19th

Registered and Secret

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

(22)

To

The Resident in Mysore

Sir,

I have the honor, in continuation of the correspondence marginally noted, to forward herewith the Copy of the Comptroller's letter to me No. E dated 9th Feb 1897, submitting his explanation upon Mr Biddulph's remarks in Appendix F of his Report of 13 July 1896 —

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1. My letter No. ND. dated 29 Sept 1896
No. 25-D dated 15 Oct 1896
No. 35-D dated 18 Dec 1896.
2. Govt Resolution No. Camp 83 dated 4th Feb 1897 —

2. I take this opportunity to submit for information Copies of ~~Correspondence~~ ~~relating~~ letter to Mr Biddulph, No. 8890 dated 5th Dec 1896 & No. 107 regarding certain shares held in the Kempin Kotta Gold Fields Company (limited), referred to in para 93 of Appendix C. of Mr Biddulph's Report of 13 July 1896.

3. Adverting to para 22 of my letter No. ND of 29 Sept 1896, I beg to report that the Comptroller is carrying out the instructions of him as therein stated. The ar-

No. 44 D Camp Mysore, 17th Feb 1897.
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Register and Record

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

(22)

To

The Resident in Mysore

Sir,

I have the honor, in continuation of the correspondence marginally noted, to forward herewith the copy of the Comptroller's Confidential letter to me No. E dated 9th Feb 1897, submitting his explanation upon Mr Biddulph's remarks in appendix F of his Report of 13 July 1896 —

1. My letter No. 44 D dated 29 Sept 1896
2. Ditto No. 25 D dated 15 Oct 1896
3. Ditto No. 35 D dated 18 Dec 1896
4. Asst. Resr's letter No. Camp 83 dated 4th Feb 1897 —

2. I take this opportunity to submit for information copies of ~~Correspondence~~ letter to Mr Biddulph, No. 8890 dated 5th Dec 1896, m. 107 regarding certain shares held in the Kempin Kotte for Field Corps (limited), referred to in para 93 of appendix C. of Mr. B's Report of 13 July 1896.

3. Adverting to para 22 of My letter No. 44 D of 29 Sept of 1896 I beg to report that the Comptroller in Carrying out the instructions issued to him as therein stated. The work is

Volved appears to be so heavy that I apprehend there will be some short delay in the submission of the Report which I had expected to be able to send in by the 31st March 1897 —

Yours &c

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CONFIDENTIAL.

OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER,
MYSORE GOVERNMENT,
BANGALORE, *9th February 1897.*

No. E, Enclo.—one.

*From*

THE COMPTROLLER,
MYSORE GOVERNMENT.

*To*

RAJYA DHURANDHARA
SIR K. SHESHADRI IYER, K.C.S.I.,
DEWAN OF MYSORE.

SIR,

In continuation of my letter No. B, dated 24th November 1896, and with reference to the concluding portion of para 3 thereof, I beg to submit herewith my explanation on the remarks (printed in juxta-position) contained in Appendix F—Analysis of Outstanding Advances Recoverable—of Mr. Biddulph's report of inspection of the accounts of my office.

2. Here I only wish to add that certain differences in some Departmental Accounts and in the Balances under the Ledger heads of Advances Recoverable and of Suspense Account had been long standing in the books of this office—*vide* Comptroller General's letter No. 166, dated 26th April 1878, on Mr. (now Sir James) Westland's inspection report—without any attempt to reconcile them till 1892-93, when a small additional establishment having been sanctioned on my requisition, special endeavours were made to investigate and adjust all the differences in the balances that had accumulated (some from the commencement of this office), with the result that, long before the present inspection, Advance accounts had been thoroughly analysed and complete agreement effected, on the books of this office for 1894-95 between the Treasury Objection Books and Ledgers, with the exception of a small difference* under the Huzur Treasury, as admitted by Mr. Biddulph, whose observations being, all more or less, mere recapitulations from the detail notes of discrepancies and memoranda of adjustments drawn up and filed by this office.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

*Comptroller.*

* All but Rs. 100 of this also adjusted in 1895-96.

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# APPENDIX F

Deputy Auditor General's Remarks. Comptroller's Notes.

## STATE HUZUR TREASURY.

1. Balances on 30th June 1894, adjustments made in 1894-95, and balance on 30th June 1895.

| | Rs. | a. | p. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Debit balance on 30th June 1894 ... | 2,96,354 | 2 | 7 |
| Balance as per objection book ... | 3,19,710 | 4 | 11 |
| Deduct excess credits to 30th June 1894 | 21,392 | 8 | 4 |
| | 2,98,317 | 12 | 7 |
| Add transfer entry brought on ledger but not on objection book ... | 31,730 | 3 | 11 |
| | 3,30,048 | 0 | 6 |
| Deduct transfer entry not cleared from objection book but included in ledger. | 33,693 | 13 | 11 |
| Balance as above ... | 2,96,354 | 2 | 7 |

2. The above were carefully scrutinized with the following result.

3. Before proceeding further as to detailed explanations of the irregularities, I may mention that the chief reasons for the present state of affairs are—

(1) The unsystematic way in which advances have been made and accounted for. Monies being advanced to *several* persons for the *same* purpose. Instead of treating advances to each individual as a separate account with a view to making him personally responsible for the balance, only one account, namely, the purpose for which the advance is made, appears in the objection book. Adjustments are made from time to time by the various individuals, either in one account conjointly or individually by each man, with the result that it is almost impossible to say what balance each is liable for.

3. The Deputy Auditor-General does not seem to have been fully informed of all the circumstances under which these advances have been made and adjusted, under the orders of the Government in each case, and of the nature of the responsibility attached to the officer directly held accountable for their adjustments.

(1) Whenever His Highness the Maharaja proceeded on tour, Officers and Camp Superintendents were selected from Palace and Government Officers and sent out in advance for making camp arrangements at different stations. Some advances were made to these officers for expenses on the requisition of the Secretariat. Officers moving with His Highness were also advanced large sums, for the current expenses of His Highness' Camp, from Treasuries and Presidency Banks. All these advances were made under the orders of Government signed by one of the Secretaries to Government, but the Chief Secretary was held to be the sole responsible officer for accounting for all of them. On return to head-quarters each Assistant and subordinate of the Secretariat rendered his account with necessary vouchers to the Chief Secretary who checked these individual accounts and forwarded one consolidated account to this office with necessary instructions for adjustment.

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Meanwhile if any bill was received in the Chief Secretary's Office with complete vouchers for any special charges, it was also sent to this office in part adjustment of the advances made. All these advances having been treated as made to the Chief Secretary as the officer responsible for their adjustment (though the advances were made payable to several of his Assistants and subordinates for his convenience) there was no necessity for opening an account with each individual officer, nor was it possible to show balances against each one of them, as they rendered their accounts to the Chief Secretary and not to this office.

(2) The unexpended balance of an advance, instead of being refunded at the close of the tour for which made, and the account closed [Article 137 (*d*) C. A. Code] is allowed to stand over and frequently appropriated for some subsequent tour, thereby complicating both accounts and adjustments.

(2) This was not generally the case. On some occasions it so happened that the same officers who had proceeded on a tour, had to be sent out again on another tour, within a short time of their return from the first one or in continuation of it. To save the trouble of refunding the unexpended balance on hand and receiving back the same amount as a fresh advance, they were permitted to utilize the same, rendering separate accounts for each tour. There was therefore no reason for any complication in the accounts.

(3) Negligence in the Comptroller's office in adjusting or promptly calling for any necessary information in order to enable the office to adjust correctly amounts refunded into treasuries. Cases have been traced in which items refunded have been placed under 'Deposit for want of information as to the particular account for which the money has been received, and have been lost sight of for years ; or again, sums are adjusted to a wrong account which necessitates transfer adjustments when the errors are discovered, or when the balance is analysed and correspondence instituted. It is then discovered that the balance that is shown as outstanding had been refunded years ago.

(3) The circumstances under which the items refunded were kept under "Deposits" and the causes for not effecting immediate adjustments are explained against such items.

In one instance charges to the extent of Rs. 14,897-12-0 on account of special trains engaged during His Highness's tour were passed by the Comptroller for payment at the Huzur Treasury on a pre-audited bill and held under Suspense, as the particular tour to which the charge related was not known. Nothing was done to ascertain the correct head, and the amount was allowed to stand under Suspense from May 1891 to December 1894.

As explained in Appendix E some old differences existed under "Advances" in the Huzur Treasury Accounts (see Comptroller-General's letter of 1878, para 43, on Mr. (now Sir James) Westland's Inspection report), and it was only in recent years special arrangement was made for analysing the Objection Books and arriving at a correct balance. This work was completed in December 1894 when several differences were adjusted together with the item of Rs. 14,897 in question.

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(4) In the balance statements, outstandings are arbitrarily grouped together, *e. g.*, "September 1882 to June 1886, balance to be adjusted on account of advances made to Dewan's office up to the 30th June 1896"; or again, "Balance remaining to be adjusted out of the advances made for Northern India Tour 1887-88, Rs. 1,200." Immediately below this there is another entry to the effect, "Amount to be recovered from the officials on account of advances made to them during Northern India Tour, 1887-88, Rs. 1,030-3-9." A recovery on account of Northern India Tour 1887-88 will be creditable to either the former or the latter. It would therefore be advisable to group these balances in such a way as there may be no doubt as to the head for which a sum has been credited in the treasury.

(5) Insufficiency of detail in the cash account in crediting amounts refunded into the treasuries on account of outstanding advances: the majority of entries being something like the following:—"Chief Secretary. Received with his No. 20299—5300, dated 11th instant, and credited in lump sum, *vide* this Office No. 381, dated 22nd May 1895." On a reference to Chief Secretary's No. quoted, it is found that the letter refers to a previous No., and forwards a certain sum of money for credit to-

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(4) Advances were made from time to time for Camp expenses of the Dewan's Office, and as it was not practicable for various reasons to send one bill for each item of advance it was found unnecessary to enter in the Annual Balance Statement those advances item by item in chronological order. They were therefore grouped together according to the form furnished by the Chief Secretary's Office. Advances were not made in a single sum or from one treasury or to one officer for Northern India Tour expenses. They were made in various sums at different treasuries and Banks to various officers on the authority of Government, and all of them brought on Objection Books under one head as advances made to Dewan's Office. One Account was received with Government Proceedings instructing how the various items of advances should be adjusted. Out of the total amount advanced a portion was debited to "Palace" another portion to "Government" and a third to "Advances recoverable from the officials from their pay" leaving a balance of Rs. 1,200 (a special item of expenditure) to be accounted for, as it was then undecided as to which head of account it should be debited. The petty advances made to some of the officials and menials when they were on tour for their own expenses, having been ordered to be treated as their personal advances, were shown as a separate item of advance to be recovered from their pay, while the unadjusted item of Rs. 1,200 was separately shown as such in the Balance statement. It will thus be seen that Rs. 1,200 and Rs. 1,030-3-9 are two distinct items. Any recovery made in cash from the officials or menials, would, of course, be credited to the latter and not to the former, which was an item of actual expenditure, pending orders of Government for debit to proper head. It was therefore impracticable to group such balances together in any way.

(5) It has been already stated that advances on account of Chief Secretary's Office though made to different officers are all shown against the Chief Secretary and are classified according to the different purposes for which the advances are made, the several items of advances being entered separately according to the date of payment for each account. Whenever any unexpended balance is refunded by any of the officers drawing the advance it is remitted by the Dewan's Office through the Chief

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wards the adjustment of a balance mentioned but which is not traceable in the Objection Book as the balances have been grouped differently. The next step is to turn up the Treasury Officer's No. quoted, but the only information that is gathered therefrom is that it acknowledges the receipt of the said sum for credit as directed in Chief Secretary's No. quoted. The essential particulars, such as "From whom received," "On what account," the No. and date of original advance, &c., are seldom given.

4. With these preliminary remarks I now proceed to analyse the adjustments made during 1894-95 of the balance outstanding on 30th June 1894. I shall only notice those items which to my thinking appear to have been irregularly adjusted or which reveal some peculiarities. All adjustments made by cash recoveries have been traced in the cash account. As regards those made by transfer to some other heads of account for which vouchers have been produced, duly audited, I have accepted such vouchers as correct.

5. I notice that the adjustments have been made in one of the three following modes, namely—

(*a*) Recovery in cash.

(*b*) Debit to a final head of account.

(*c*) Debit to another or the same advance head.

6. I propose at the end of this note to show the total amount adjusted classified as above.

7. The Nos. quoted refer to the items in the outstanding list for 1894-95.

*Mode of Adjustment.*

8. By debit to Northern India Tour charges, vouchers not forthcoming, said to have been adjusted under G. O. No. 15921—G. 4516, dated 29th March 1895, copy of which has been called for from Dewan's office by the Comptroller.

Items.
No. 2, balance of advance on account of Northern India Tour, 1887-88 Rs. 1,200.

9. This item was removed from objection in April 1895 and brought

No. 3, Ditto Rs 1,030-3-9.

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Secretary with a covering docket specifying the number and date of the original order on which the original advance was made. When any further refund on the same account is made, reference is invited to the last docket on the subject. There is therefore no necessity for quoting "From whom received," "On what account." &c.

8. Copy of Government order has since been received.

9. This item of Rs. 1,030-3-9 was first allowed to remain as a part of the balance of the advances made for Northern Tour, but it was afterwards shown as a separate person-

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afresh in the Objection Book for that month; or, in other words, it was credited to Advances in order to remove the old objection and a fresh debit raised in the same month.

10. This item was subsequently, *i. e.*, in June 1895, together with two other items for Rs. 155-6-9 and Rs. 250, charged to Advances to Palace officials by credit to Advances Recoverable; or in other words, the item was adjusted as far as Government accounts were concerned, but was transferred to the Palace Accounts to be recovered by the Palace Controller from the officials concerned, under Government Proceedings No. 2091-2—Fl. 125, dated 21st July 1895. This should have been done on the completion of the tour or at a much earlier date.

11. The two items of Rs. 155-6-9 and Rs. 250 were recovered in excess from the parties concerned but taken to credit of Advances in reduction of the aggregate balance outstanding. They were subsequently placed under deposit and fresh debits raised under Advances as the amounts represented sums recoverable from other than those who had paid the sums. The former item underwent an intermediate adjustment, *i. e.*, was both debited and credited to Local Remittances. The amounts were in June 1895 credited to Advances and charged to Palace for recovery under Government Proceedings as noted above. The money realised in excess was refunded in the former case to the party from whom it had been recovered, and in the latter case is still in deposit as the claimant is dead.

12. Charged to Northern India Tour expenses in April 1895 by credit to Advances Recoverable; vouchers not forthcoming; should have been treated as a final charge instead of being held under Advances.

No. 5, June 1893, value of two cheque books purchased Rs. 6-4-0.

13. Rs. 3 out of this sum has been transferred to Palace for recovery by Palace Controller under Government Proceedings noted against item No. 3.

No. 6, balance of advance on account of Northern India Tour, 1892-93 Rs. 906-10-0.

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al advance according to the orders of Government, to be adjusted by cash recoveries from the pay of the officials to whom the advances were made for their own personal expenses.

10. As the Palace Accounts were then incorporated with the General Accounts, the advances made to the Palace officials and servants were allowed to remain on the General Books. The Palace Accounts having since been separated from the Provincial Accounts the unadjusted outstanding advances were ordered by Government to be debited to Palace in view to necessary steps being taken by the Palace Controller for their adjustment.

11. The two items of Rs. 155-6-9 and Rs. 250 were recovered from the officers who accompanied His Highness to Calcutta and credited to "Advances for Northern Tour," as in the case of recoveries made from other officers, and when these accounts were analysed, the sums in question were found to be excess credit and necessary adjustments were therefore made.

12. This expense was incurred in connection with His Highness' visit to Calcutta. Pending receipt of final account of Northern Tour of 1892-93, the amount was held under "Advances recoverable," and as the amount was not included in the accounts received from the Dewan's Office, it was subsequently adjusted. The Bank's letter itself is the voucher.

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|---|---|
| 1889-90— | |
| 14. (*a*) Two sums of Rs. 9,560-7-0 and Rs. 2,625 were received in December 1891 and January 1892 in adjustment of advances and were placed under Revenue Deposits for want of information as to particular advances to be credited instead of being credited to Suspense under Article 979 (*a*) C. A. Code, and were consequently lost sight of. These two items were transferred to credit of Advances in December 1894, or three years after receipt on analysing the balance outstanding. | 14. (*a*) These two amounts were found to be in excess of the balance outstanding against the Dewan's Office on account of certain item of advance. Only items for which full particulars are not known are placed in suspense. In this case, the particulars were known, but the amounts were in *excess* of the particular item of advance. They were therefore held under "Deposits." |
| No. 7, balance of advance on account of Bombay, Madras and Ooty Tours Rs. 47,093-9-2. | |
| (*b*) Rs. 18,000 being the unexpended balance at the Bombay Bank was transferred to the Bank of Madras at *Mysore* and was credited to Palace. It was subsequently found out that the amount represented funds placed at the disposal of Government at Bombay to meet tour expenses and had been charged to Advances. Credit was therefore afforded to that head by debit to Palace. | |
| (*c*) Two items of Rs. 5,498-7-0 and Rs. 4,000* are said to be the unexpended balances held by the Bank of Madras, Ooty, on account of funds provided to meet tour charges. These have been adjusted by credit to Advances recoverable in April 1895 to close the old account and a re-debit in the same month on account of advances to meet Ooty Tour charges 1895. Bank pass books not produced. | (*c*) Out of the advances made for Bombay, Madras, and Ooty Tours, a sum of Rs. 9,498-7-0 was left unexpended, but before it was refunded to treasury His Highness had to set out on another tour to Ooty, and it was utilized for that purpose. Hence the old account was closed, and a fresh one opened in order that there may be no complication in accounts and this account also was finally adjusted in June 1895. The Pass Book was then sent to the Bank for necessary entries being made therein. It was not therefore available at the time of inspection. |
| Vide Government Proceedings No. 18833—G. 5091, dated 1st May 1895. | |
| (*d*) One anna written off to Profit and Loss. | |
| (*e*) Rs. 127-13-0 on account of commission to Madras Bank has been charged to tour charges and credit afforded to Advances Recoverable. No vouchers in support of debit. | (*e*) The letter from the Bank is the voucher. |
| November 1891— | |
| 15. Charged to Tour expenses by credit to Advances recoverable. Vouchers not forthcoming. | 15. Ditto ditto |
| No. 9, commission to Bank of Bombay during Bombay Tour Rs. 259-14-11. | |

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16. Out of this sum Rs. 18 was transferred to Palace for recovery from Palace officials, *vide* Proceedings noted against item No. 3.

No. 10, balance of advance on account of Bombay, Madras and Ooty Tour Rs. 714-9-0.

May 1891—

17. Paid on bill pre-audited and passed by Comptroller and held under Suspense for want of certain information; removed from objection in December 1894, but omitted from adjustment register through an oversight.

Nos. 12 and 13, special train charges, Mysore to Poona and back Rs. 8,751 and Rs. 6,146-12-0.

April 1894—

18. Said to be the unexpended balance on account of former tour transferred to subsequent tour account by credit to former account. Pass book not produced.

18. The Pass Book was then in the Bank.

No. 15, balance of Rs. 6,045 placed in Madras Bank, Ooty, on account of tour expenses Rs. 3,072-6-9.

1889-90—

19. Rs. 7 represents sale proceeds of unserviceable articles purchased during the tour to be accounted for by the officer concerned. A debit was raised under Advances in May 1895 but was included in the statement of balances of 1889-90 outstanding on 30th June 1895 in order that the total amount outstanding on account of Malnad tour should be shown in one place. The advance raised in May is also outstanding in that month, so that by and by the old balance will be adjusted, and the fact that the advance for May is included there will be lost sight of and it will be carried forward from year to year until some analysis of balance is made.

| | Rs. | a. | p. |
|---|---|---|---|
| No. 18, balance on account of Malnad tour of 1889-90 | 462 | 15 | 6 |
| Deduct adjustments in 1894-95 | ...349 | 8 | 0 |
| Balance | ...113 | 7 | 6 |
| Carried over to statement of 1895-96 | ...120 | 7 | 6 |
| Cr in excess | ... 7 | 0 | 0 |

19. As stated against para 3 (5) *supra*, advances made for different tours are classified according to different tours and are shown separately, and in adjusting these advances, separate accounts are rendered. The sum of Rs. 7 in question though adjusted in the account for May 1895, had been correctly entered under the account to which it appertained. It could not therefore be lost sight of as remarked.

20. There is a further irregularity as regards this item. The sum of Rs. 7 was charged to Advances by credit to Miscellaneous, *i. e.*, credit was given in anticipation of realisation in contravention of Article 928, C. A. Code.

20. The case does not fall within the meaning of Article 928 of the Civil Account Code as remarked. The amount *was actually realized* by the Dewan's Camp office and utilized for tour expenses.

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1892-93—

21. Out of this an amount of Rs. 46-3-0 on account of advances made to silahdars to meet travelling expenses has been charged off finally to service head under Government Proceedings No. 2091-2—Fl. 125. No bill was received. I notice that the balances oustanding are reported from time to time to Government and peremptory orders are given to adjust such or such a sum by debit to such or such a head without any voucher or document. Such orders emanate from Secretary, Under-Secretary or Assistant Secretary, and these are the very people to whom advances are made and who are liable for their recovery. I notice this *en passant* as I think it irregular. It is the duty of the Comptroller to obtain proper vouchers or documents for any adjustments he makes, or orders of Government for the writing off of any irrecoverable sums. Under the present system a sum outstanding for a long time is reported by the Comptroller to Government, and Government says it has been spent for so and so, and orders to debit the heads concerned. In this case vouchers should have been obtained at the time and submitted.

No. 19, Khedda camp, Chinchenkatte camp, Hessarghatta tour and Nundydroog camp Rs. 645-7-3.

21. In the original accounts detailing payments made to these silahdars, their receipts were received as vouchers for such payments which were then treated as advances. When Government orders were received to charge off those amounts to service head, they were taken as mere authority for so charging and not for dispensing with any "vouchers or documents" necessary to support the charge, and as the silahdars' receipts received with the original accounts were forthcoming as vouchers for the charge, no fresh "bill" was necessary. The other remarks seem to be general conclusions from stray cases as the above which after all were not adjustments owing to so-called "peremptory orders" "without any voucher or document."

All Government orders are invariably issued as elsewhere under the signature of one of the Secretaries to Government, and I fail to see what is "irregular" in it. It is for the Government to decide whether such orders are sound or not, the duty of the Account Department being restricted to carrying out the instructions conveyed by them, and on their authority to admit the charges *to the extent* of vouchers produced. One or two items were admitted provisionally pending receipt of vouchers which had either been called for or promised.

1890-91—

22. A sum of Rs. 100 paid on account of Railway fare of certain Palace servants to Bombay has been charged to the Provincial tour and credited to Advances Recoverable, under Government Orders No. 3185—Fl. 180, dated 16th September 1895, without vouchers in support. Now the Provincial tour charges should be on account of expenses incurred within the province. It is therefore not understood how Railway fare to Bombay should be charged to this tour. In Government Proceedings No. 2091-2—Fl. 125, dated 21st August 1895, it was directed that the amount should be charged to the Bombay tour of 1891, but as there was not a sufficient balance outstanding, Government issued a subsequent order to adjust it against Provincial tour, which was accordingly done by the Comptroller without raising any objection.

Nos. 25 to 33, advance on account of His Highness' Provincial tour Rs. 16,000-0-0.

22. It was not charged to the Provincial tour but rightly to Bombay tour, by giving credit however to Advances Recoverable against the other tour. Both these tours were virtually one. His Highness started on the Provincial tour in November 1890, and in the course of it, visited Bombay in January 1891. Out of the advances drawn for the Provincial tour, Rs. 100 was paid for Railway fare of certain Palace servants that were sent in advance to Bombay, for which in the nature of things there could be no voucher other than the account itself. The orders of August 1895, therefore, rightly directed the amount to be charged to Bombay tour of 1891 ; and in passing the Provincial tour Account, the Government, in their Proceedings of September 1895, explained that the above charge of Rs. 100 was met from the advances drawn for this tour which immediately preceded the Bombay tour. Hence the *credit* to

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| | "Advances Recoverable" against Provincial tour, and *debit* to Service head against Bombay tour for which no separate payment was made from the Treasury for the charge under reference. |
| 1891-92— | |
| 23. Rs. 50 adjusted by debit to Khedda Camp charges under Government Proceedings noted above. Remarks against item No. 19 apply here too. No voucher in support.<br>Nos. 34 to 42, advances on account of His Highness' visit to Khedda Rs. 8,950. | 23. Explanation against item 19 holds good here also. |
| 1892— | |
| 24. Unadjusted balance on 30th June 1895, increased by Rs. 15-3-2 on account of sale proceeds of unserviceable articles—see remarks against item No. 18.<br>Nos. 71 and 72, expenses in connection with Dewan's tour to Madras Rs. 1,000-0-0. | 24. Explanation against item No. 18 will hold good here also. |
| February 1890— | |
| 25. Adjusted in March 1895 by debit to KheddaAdvances and credit to Advances Recoverable, being removed from one head to another, there being no real adjustment at all.<br>No. 92, advance on account of rewards to Khedda employees Rs. 1,600-0-0. | 25. This was not adjusted in March 1895 as remarked. It was adjusted in a previous year through Transfer Book but brought on the Objection Book for March 1895 as already explained. |
| October 1888— | |
| 26. Adjusted nearly seven years later by debit to Miscellaneous, Gold Mining, under Government Proceedings No. 2091-2—Fl. 125, dated 21st August 1895. No voucher on record.<br>No. 93, paid Mr. Plumer on account of books through Messrs. Coutts & Co. Rs.509-1-5. | 26. The final adjustment of this amount was pending orders of Government. The voucher is the account current received from Messrs. Coutts & Co., as under a local arrangement all the payees' acknowledgments are kept with the firm. |
| May 1894— | |
| 27. Adjusted by debit to Miscellaneous and credit to Advances Recoverable. No authority or voucher in support of adjustment.<br>No. 101, payment to D. C. Boulger, London, through Messrs. Coutts & Co., on account of purchase of books Rs. 1,669-9-0. | 27. Adjusted on the authority of Government Order No. A, dated 29th March 1895. As for voucher, *vide* explanation above. |
| February 1879— | |
| 28. Written off under Government Proceedings quoteda bove. Allowed to remain outstanding from 1879 to June 1895.<br>No. 104, balance of advance on account of municipal forms Rs. 0-0-2. | 28. This is one of those old outstanding balances which had been traced and adjusted in recent years as referred to elsewhere. |

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|---|---|
| April 1879— | |
| 29. Outstanding since 1879. Rs. 37-7-5 were credited in September 1879 in excess of advance drawn by him and were credited to Miscellaneous Receipts. This amount very likely contains Rs. 10 outstanding which was lost sight of for years. It has now been adjusted (April 1895) by debit to "3 Refunds" and credit to "Advances Recoverable." No. 105, balance of advance to Secretary to Chief Commissioner on account of circuit expenses Rs. 10-0-0. | 29. See explanation against para. 28. |
| March 1894— | |
| 30. Transferred to Loans in April 1895. No. 108, advance to coffee-peelers Rs. 5,275-0-0. | |
| 1888-89— | |
| 31. Transferred in March 1895 to Kheda Advances. Nos. 110 to 119, advances on account of Kheddas Rs. 2946-10-0 | 31. See explanation against para 25 *supra*. |
| June 1893— | |
| 32. Actually recovered and adjusted by transfer entry in December 1893, but not removed from objection till March 1895. Nos. 146 and 147, value of counterfeit coins found in remittances Rs. 5-0-0. | 32. Oversight. |
| 1890— | |
| 33. Amounts held under Suspense in September and October 1890 charged to Census in January 1891 and erroneous credit afforded to Advances Recoverable instead of to Suspense in cancellation of original debit, correctly adjusted in March 1895. Nos. 179 and 180, contingencies of the Census Department Rs. 96-0-9 | 33. One of the erroneous entries rectified in recent years. |
| 1892— | |
| 34. Adjusted by transfer entry in July 1893 but not removed from objection till March 1895. No. 202, cost of clothing supplied to Imperial Service Regiment Rs. 11,327-15-1. | |

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1893-94—

| | | Rs. | a. | p. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 35. Recovered in cash during 1894-95 ... | | 9,707 | 8 | 0 |
| Nos. 208 to 213, advances for building houses Rs. 11,220-0-0. | Transferred to House-building advances in 1895 ... | 1,512 | 8 | 0 |
| | | 11,220 | 0 | 0 |

1894-95.

36. The total amount debited to "Advances Recoverable" during 1894-95 was Rs. 33,90,691-12-5, out of which Rs. 31,82,019-0-5 represents transactions of the three Presidency Banks and their branches.

37. The total credit afforded during the year on the above account was as under :—

| | Rs. | a. | p. |
|---|---|---|---|
| By cash recovery- ... ... | 24,444 | 2 | 2 |
| By debit to final heads ... | 1,60,661 | 13 | 2 |
| By Bank payments ... ... | 31,79,027 | 15 | 0 |
| By transfer being balance held by the Banks ... ... | 2,991 | 1 | 5 |
| | 33,67,124 | 15 | 9 |

leaving a balance outstanding on 30th June 1895 on account of debits of 1894-95 of Rs. 23,566-12-8.

38. General statement of transactions under head Advances Recoverable :—

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total amount shown as outstanding on 30th June 1894 as per Objection Book ... ... ... | | | | 3,19,877 | 8 4 |
| Deduct amount included in total but not actually outstanding on 30th June 1894 ... | | | | 167 | 3 5 |
| Amount outstanding as arrived at by actual summation ... | | | | 3,19,710 | 4 11 |
| Deduct adjustments made during 1894-95 on account of balance outstanding on 30th June 1894— | | | | | |
| | Rs. | a. | p. | | |
| By cash recovery ... | 91,321 | 7 | 4 | | |
| By debit to Service heads ... | 1,51,155 | 5 | 10 | | |
| By debit to Advance heads ... | 43,056 | 7 | 6 | | |
| By debit to Debt heads (Suspense) ... | 12,185 | 7 | 0 | | |
| | | | | 2,97,718 | 11 8 |
| Balance on 30th June 1895 ... | | | | 21,991 | 9 3 |
| Add amounts outstanding on account of transfer entries on account of previous years ... ... | | | | 7,623 | 11 0 |
| Add amounts outstanding on account of 1894-95 objections (*vide* para 37) ... ... | | | | 23,566 | 12 8 |

| Deputy Auditor General's Remarks. | | | | Comptroller's Notes. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Grand total of outstandings on 30th June 1895 as per Objection Book ... | 53,182 | 0 | 11 | |
| Add amount debited by transfer entry and subsequently entered in Objection Book ... ... | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| | 53,183 | 0 | 11 | |
| Deduct excess credits up to 30th June 1895, *i.e.*, amounts credited to Advances Recoverable in the ledger but which are not traceable in objection book ... ... | 1,500 | 0 | 0 | |
| Balance outstanding on 30th June 1895 as per ledger ... ... | 51,683 | 0 | 11 | |

## BANGALORE DISTRICT.

39. The difference of Rs. 12,143-10-5 is due to Rs. 12,153-10-8 having been charged to Advances by transfer adjustments from April 1883 to 30th June 1894, but not included in the Objection Books of those years. There is a further difference of Rs. 10-0-3 between the two sets of accounts due to errors committed so far back as 1882-83 and 1890-91, but not detected till last year, *i.e.*, 1894-95. These discrepancies have been adjusted during 1894-95 so that the balance on the 30th June 1895 as per Objection Book agrees with that shown in the ledger.

| Debit balance on 30th June 1894— | Rs. | a. | p. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ledger ... | 39,911 | 14 | 0 |
| Objection Book | 27,768 | 3 | 7 |
| Difference | 12,143 | 10 | 5 |

Debit balance on 30th June 1895—
As per ledger and Objection Book Rs. 35,547-10-11.

39. *Vide* explanation against para 28 *supra et seque.*

40. On the whole the adjustments have been satisfactorily made and the items of advances are not mixed up with each other nor are the adjustments complicated as in the case of the Huzur Treasury; the balance outstanding too on 30th June 1894 was not very large comparatively speaking.

41. On going through the objections of 1894-95, I notice that several items are placed under Suspense every month, and that whereas the column "Items awaiting clearance" is generally blank, the amount under Suspense steadily increased from Rs. 74-10-0 in July 1894 to Rs. 6,343-13-5 in March 1895. As however it is imperative to show as small a balance under this head at the end of the year as possible, most of the items are removed during the last two or three months of the year.

41. Under Government orders the pay of the Local Fund Overseers and Mestries is debited to "District Funds" and "Local Funds General" in proportion to the amounts spent on the work, for which advances are made from time to time subject to adjustment on receipt of completion bills. It has therefore been arranged to debit the pay of these officials at the first instance to "Suspense" and then to adjust it at the close of each year by debit to the "Funds" and credit to "Suspense". This is the cause for the swelling under "Suspense."

Deputy Auditor General's Remarks.

42. Very many items that are held under Suspense are from their nature susceptible of final audit and adjustment, technical objections only being raised, such as "Bill returned for insertion of the period for which payment was claimed." Or again, "Sanction of Government not furnished for the charge,"&c.

43. It saves the auditor and adjuster time to place these items wholesale under Suspense in order to enable them to complete their accounts, the audit and correct adjustments being made at their leisure. It is evident that the requirements of Article 979, C. A. Code, which lays down that no item should be taken under Suspense except with the special sanction of the officer in charge, are not fulfilled, as it is not likely the officer in charge would sanction such an irregular procedure. The want of vouchers is also the cause of a large number of items being taken to this head, but the remedy lies in the hands of the Comptroller. In no case, as far as I am aware, is a call made for missing vouchers which are shown in the list of payment as "will follow," but the Treasury Officers are allowed to submit them at their own convenience.

44. The following remarks suggested themselves on the detailed examination of the adjustments made during 1894-95—

45. This sum was removed from Advances Recoverable so far back as June 1893, under the authority of Government Proceedings I am told, but they are not forthcoming, and was held under objection in the column "awaiting clearance," where it is still outstanding. Virtually there was no adjustment but only a transfer in order to reduce the balance under Advances.

*Items.*

1889-90—
Nos. 9 to 11, amounts advanced for the reception of H. R. H. Prince Albert Victor, Rs. 50,767-15-6.

46. Recovered in May 1894 and erroneously credited to Muzrai Surplus Funds by the Treasury Officer; re-adjusted in June 1895.

1892—
No. 19, advance for repairing Bunneerghat temple Rs. 107-7-9.

Comptroller's Notes.

42. Owing to heavy work in taluks and districts, some bills are sent late. Some of the payments especially "Muzrai Fund payments," though their nature is specified on the bill cannot be accepted unless it is proved that there is sufficient balance in favor of the fund to admit of the payments. Some of the paid bills are also returned for correction of minor defects. In all these instances the amounts have necessarily to be kept under "Suspense."

43. In the absence of vouchers describing the charges they could not be debited to proper heads of account. Calls for missing vouchers have invariably been made. The following are a few of them—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| No. 2717, dated 17th Nov. 1894. | | To Shimoga Dist. |
| No. 2868, | „ 26th Nov. 1894. | |
| No. 4145, | „ 24th Jan. 1895. | |
| No. 4917, | „ 5th March 1895. | To Bangalore District. |
| No. 6785, | „ 22nd May 1895. | |

45. A copy of the letter has since been obtained. This letter contained merely the account particulars and was not accompanied by a formal bill. The amount was adjusted but was brought on the Objection Book under the head "Items adjusted but awaiting clearance" for want of formal bill. accompanied by vouchers

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47. Adjusted by debit to Service head.

1892-93—
No. 30, advance to Senior Surgeon for the purchase of furniture Rs. 1,130-15-8.

The voucher on which the adjustment was made cannot be found.

48. Unadjusted on 30th June 1895; should have been transferred to Loans instead of being allowed to remain under Advances Recoverable.

January 1894—
No. 56, amount advanced to Vice Chairman of the City Municipality Rs. 10,000-0-0.

48. The advance was made by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, for suburban roads without any authority from Government, and on a report made by this office to Government it was ordered in 1895-96 to debit the amount to "Bangalore City Municipal Funds" by credit to advances recoverable. Hence the adjustments.

49. Adjusted in July 1894 by debit to Advances for wells, or in other words, merely transferred from one head of advance to another.

February 1894—
No. 59, advances for sinking wells Rs. 342-4-6.

50. Adjusted in June 1895 by debit to Advance for relief works *i.e.*, transferred from one advance head to another.

June 1893 to March 1894—
Nos. 33, 38, 51, 55 and 63, advances for dismantling walls of Nelamangala, aggregating Rs. 172-14-1.

51. Advances on account of works debitable to P. W. D. are held under objection till receipt of completion vouchers, and are then adjusted by debit to P. W. D. and credit to Advances Recoverable instead of being charged off at once to P. W. D.

June 1893 and March 1894—
Nos. 52 and 65, advances on account of works chargeable to P. W. D. Rs. 63-14-3.

51. These were the advances drawn by the Deputy Commissioner, for certain improvements near Sankey's Reservoir and water-works. In the absence of vouchers specifying the exact nature of the charge, it was not possible to say whether the amounts should be debited to "District Funds," "Municipal Funds," or "Public Works." They were therefore held under advances till the completion vouchers were received.

52. The amount was debited to Advances Recoverable by transfer entry in April 1883, but was not entered in the Objection Book and was consequently lost sight of. The amount was brought on the Objection Book in March 1895, along with the other transfer entry items in order to effect an agreement with the ledger balance, and as it evidently was too late to prefer a claim against the Civil and Military Station, it was written off by debit to Police and credit to Advances Recoverable by transfer entry in June 1895. The Government has been a loser by this amount which should not have been written off without its orders. The correct debit head is Profit and Loss and not Police.

April 1883—
Two-thirds cost of Police Manuals for the use of Civil and Military Station Rs. 52-0-0.

52 One of the errors committed prior to 1886, when the Objection Books are said to have received better management, *vide* para 281, Appendix D.

All Police charges including that of the Civil and Military Station were borne by the Mysore State up to 1883-84, till which period the Civil and Military Station revenue was included in the Mysore Revenues. The sum in question which ought to have been charged to Police in that year is now rightly charged off to that head, and the question of loss to Government does not arise as remarked, as the surplus Revenues of the Civil and Military Station up to the year 1883-84 formed part of the Mysore Surplus.

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53. Ditto ditto adjusted by debit to 1879-80—
Value of bamboo staves supplied by the Forest Department to the Bangalore Municipality Rs. 7-7-8.
Municipality in June 1895 by transfer entry; should have been recovered in cash and credited to Government instead of a book adjustment in the office.

54. It is doubtful whether the municipal balance has been decreased and the Government balance increased by this amount in the treasury.

55. Debited to Advances Recoverable in 1893-94—
Tank work executed by the P. W. Department and recoverable from the Inamdars during 1893-94 Rs. 14,059-1-0.
1893-94, but brought on the Objection Book only in March 1895. Still outstanding, *i. e.*, on 30th June 1895.

56. Statement of transactions under Advances Recoverable.

| | Rs. | a. | p. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Balance outstanding on 30th June 1894 as per objection book ... | 27,768 | 3 | 7 |
| Add debits to Advances Recoverable up to 30th June 1894 omitted from the objection book ... | 12,153 | 10 | 8 |
| Total outstanding on the 30th June 1894. | 39,921 | 14 | 3 |
| Deduct adjustments made during 1894-95 out of the balance outstanding on 30th June 1894— | | | |
| By cash recovery ... 4,674 14 11 | | | |
| By debit to Service heads ... 4,013 8 0 | | | |
| By debit to Debt heads 5,313 7 5 | | | |
| By debit to another Advance head ... 2,495 2 7 | | | |
| | 16,497 | 0 | 11 |
| Balance outstanding on 30th June 1895 on account of previous years. | 23,424 | 13 | 4 |
| Add balance outstanding on 30th June 1895 on account of 1894-95 as worked out below— | | | |
| Debits during 1894-95. 17,789 10 1 | | | |
| Credits during 1894-95. 5,666 12 6 | | | |
| | 12,122 | 13 | 7 |
| Balance on June 30th 1895 as per ledger | 35,547 | 10 | 11 |

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53 & 54. As the accounts of all the Municipalities are audited in this office by a special establishment retained for the purpose and as the Municipal Funds are included in our Treasury Cash Balance, such items as the one in question are always adjusted in the Books of this office by debit to the Municipal Funds, necessary intimation being invariably given both to the treasuries for increasing or decreasing the balances as the case may be, and also to the Municipal Presidents concerned.

## KOLAR DISTRICT.

57. The difference of Rs. 76-0-4 is due to an error in posting the detail book in March 1890, the amount having erroneously been entered in

| Debit balance on 30th June 1894— | Rs. | a. | p. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Objection Book ... | 8,843 | 0 | 10 |
| Ledger ... | 8,767 | 0 | 6 |
| Difference ... | 76 | 0 | 4 |
| Balance on 30th June 1895— As per Ledger and Objection Book ... | 7,104 | 7 | 10 |

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the Suspense column instead of in the Advances Recoverable one. This error was not rectified till March 1895, when the two sets of books were made to agree.

58. The total adjustment during 1894-95 on account of the balance outstanding on 30th June 1894 was Rs. 4,591-6-5, out of which Rs. 3,177-6-5 were recovered in cash and the balance, namely, Rs. 1,414 was adjusted by transfer debit to some other head of account. Of this latter amount Rs. 1,190 has been transferred to P. W. D. on account of advance for compensation of lands taken up for public purposes.

59. The irregular practice of holding under Advances Recoverable sums which are chargeable to P. W. D. has already been noticed in the Bangalore district review of adjustments. I notice that "Anticipatory pensions" used to be held under objection as Advances Recoverable and adjusted on the issue of final P. P. O's. This practice has since been discontinued.

59. In some compensation cases, in the absence of formal voucher, it was not practicable to find out whether the payment was on account of Revenue or Public Works Department. The amounts were therefore first held under advances.

60. Little else calls for remarks in this district. The balance is small and most of the advances are recovered in cash. The remarks made in the Bangalore district regarding the utilisation of the suspense head to gain time in the audit of charges apply here also, the balance rising steadily from Rs. 614-6-5 in July 1894 to Rs. 7,415-7-1 in December 1895; after that there is a gradual decrease in the balance although fresh items are placed under this head every month.

60. *Vide* explanation against such remark in para 41 *supra*.

61. The following table will show at a glance the transactions under Advances Recoverable during 1894-95:—

| | | Rs. | a. | p. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Balance as per Objection Book on 30th June 1894 ... | ... | 8,843 | 0 | 10 |
| Add debits during 1894-95 | ... | 11,863 | 3 | 1 |
| | | 20,706 | 3 | 11 |
| Deduct adjustments during 1894-95— | | | | |
| On account of balance of 30th June 1894 | ...4,591 6 5 | | | |
| On account of 1894-95 | ...9,010 5 8 | | | |
| | | 13,601 | 12 | 1 |
| Balance on 30th June 1895 agreed with ledger | ... | 7,104 | 7 | 10 |

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## TUMKUR DISTRICT.

62. This difference is due to a series of errors (shown below), the net result of which is an excess credit of Rs.36-12-7 in the ledger which consequently reduces the debit balance from Rs. 7,361-11-7 to Rs. 7,324-15-0 on 30th June 1894.

| | Rs. | a. | p. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Debit balance on 30th June 1894—as per Objection Book ... | 7,361 | 11 | 7 |
| As per Ledger ... | 7,324 | 15 | 0 |
| Difference ... | 36 | 12 | 7 |
| Debit balance on 30th June 1895 agreed with ledger ... | 3,074 | 13 | 10 |

| | Rs. | a. | p. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Amount credited to Advances recoverable in the classified abstract for February 1887 and brought to book ... .. | 826 | 12 | 5 |
| Subsequently corrected in red ink in order to agree with credits of Objection Book, but the original figure was allowed to stand in detail book and ledger ... | 650 | 0 | 0 |
| Excess credit | 176 | 12 | 5 |
| Amount held under objection in August 1884 as Advances Recoverable but erroneously posted under Suspense in the classified abstract of charges, *i. e.*, a short debit... ... | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Total excess credit... | 176 | 12 | 7 |
| Amount of advances Recoverable adjusted in Objection Book but erroneously posted against Suspense in the receipt abstract for 1889, although the certificate that the debits and credits under Advances Recoverable as per objection book and classified abstract has been agreed, was signed by the then Chief Assistant, *vide* Article 994 (1) C. A. Code. Short credit .. .. | 140 | 0 | 0 |
| Net excess credit .. | 36 | 12 | 8 |

63. These errors were adjusted by transfer entries in March 1895 by debits and credits to the heads concerned.

63. Result of close examination and adjustment in recent years referred to elsewhere.

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64. Out of a balance of Rs. 7,361-11-7 on 30th June 1894, Rs. 5,199-1-8 were adjusted during 1894-95, namely, Rs. 3,249-13-11 by recovery in cash, Rs. 159-3-9 by debit to some final head of account, and Rs. 1,790 by transfer to some other advance heads pending recovery.

65. The Chief irregularity noticeable in this district is the practice of holding small sums, very often only a few annas and pies, disallowed by controlling officers in contingent bills, under "Advances Recoverable" instead of charging the gross amount to the heads concerned and holding the amounts disallowed in the column "Service payment for recovery.'

66. The irregular use of the Suspense head (noticed in Bangalore) is made in this district also, but the balance is not allowed to run up, adjustments being made every month of previous month's outstandings.

67. The following items call for special remarks—

*Irregularities.*

68. Recovered in February 1888 and January 1890 but erroneously credited to Advances for Boundary Marks; correctly adjusted in March 1895.

| *Items.* |
|---|
| December 1887— |
| No. 2, advance to Amildar for repairing boundary marks Rs 30. |

69. Erroneously debited to Advances Recoverable in September 1889; transferred to Revenue Survey Advances in March 1805.

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|---|
| September 1889— |
| No. 9, advance to the Deputy Superintendent, Revenue Survey, through Amildar Rs.600. |

70. Recovered in October 1889 but erroneously credited to P. W. D. Remittances; correctly adjusted in March 1895.

| *Items.* |
|---|
| September 1889— |
| No. 10, advance to Amildar on account of repairs of tank Rs. 200. |

71. Adjusted by debit to Service Head in June 1895; voucher in support of adjustment not forthcoming.

| |
|---|
| November 1891— |
| No. 16, supplementary pay bill of hebli schoolmaster, paid after six months Rs. 6-14-9. |

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65. This was being done only in the case of Taluk Lock-up Contingent bills, and the wrong practice has since been rectified.

66. *Vide* explanation against Bangalore District.

68 to 70. *Vide* explanation against para 63 *supra*.

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*Irregularities.*

72. Debited to Advances Recoverable instead of being charged gross to head concerned and held in column "Service payment for recovery." The amount was shown by Treasury Officer on recovery under Law and Justice and was so adjusted. The error was rectified in March 1895 by means of a transfer entry.

December 1891—
No. 17, amount disallowed by the District Magistrate in taluk lock-up contingent bill Re. 0-5-2.

73. Erroneously debited to Advances Recoverable instead of to "Advances for irrigation purposes," to which head it was transferred in August 1894.

February 1892—
No. 18, advance for deepening a well in Gubbi taluk Rs. 200.

74. Recovered in three instalments by deduction from pay bill. The net amount of pay was charged in the accounts instead of gross and a per contra credit to Advances recoverable. The correct adjustment was subsequently made.

June 1894—
No. 44, advance of one month's pay to head munshi, Tiptur taluk, on transfer, Rs. 20.

75. Rupees 4,369-8-10 were held under Advances Recoverable in 1894-95, out of which Rs. 3,457-4-11 were adjusted during the course of the year, namely, Rs. 3,256--14-0 by recovery in cash and Rs. 200-6-11 by debit to some final head of account, leaving a balance on 30th June 1895 of Rs. 912-3-11 on account of 1894-95.

76. Statement of transactions under Advances Recoverable—

| | | | | Rs. | a. | p. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Balance outstanding on 30th June 1894 | | | | 7,361 | 11 | 7 |
| Deduct adjustments— | | | | | | |
| By cash recovery | ... | 3,249 | 13 11 | | | |
| By debit to final head of account | ... | 159 | 3 9 | | | |
| By transfer to other Advance heads | ... | 1,790 | 0 0 | | | |
| | | | | 5,199 | 1 | 8 |
| Balance outstanding on 30th June 1895 of previous year's objections | | | | 2,162 | 9 | 11 |
| Add balance on 30th June 1895 on account of 1894-95— | | | | | | |
| Total debits | ... | 4,369 | 8 10 | | | |
| Total credits | ... | 3,457 | 4 11 | | | |
| | | | | 912 | 3 | 11 |
| Total balance on 30th June 1895 agreed with ledger | | | | 3,074 | 13 | 10 |

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72. *Vide* explanation against para 65 *supra*.

73. *Vide* explanation against para 63 *supra*.

74. Ditto ditto

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## SHIMOGA DISTRICT.

77. Neither the ledger nor the objection book balance is correct. The correct balance and differences are shown and explained below (*Sic.* Overleaf) :—

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Debit balance on 30th June 1894— | | | |
| As per ledger ... | 12,403 | 13 | 10 |
| As per Objection Book | 7,377 | 5 | 1 |
| Diffrence ... | 5,026 | 8 | 9 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7,377 | 5 | 1 | Balance as per objection book on 30th June 1894. |

Add value of timber supplied by the Forest Department to the Superintendent, Shimoga Jail, and adjusted in the Comptroller's office in 1886-87, through transfer book by credit to Forest and debit to "Advances Recoverable." Not included in the objection book but still outstanding on 30th June 1894.

| Rs. | a. | p. |
|---|---|---|
| 756 | 1 | 1 |
| 423 | 11 | 8 |
| 73 | 14 | 8 |
| 986 | 6 | 10 |
| 243 | 11 | 4 |
| 2,484 | 13 | 7 |

Add balance outstanding on 30th June 1894, being excess of debits over credits on account of transfer book transactions omitted from objection book for the years concerned.

| | Debits. | | | Credits. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1888-89 | 476 | 10 | 2 | ... | | |
| 1889-90 | 1,022 | 15 | 8 | 367 | 1 | 10 |
| 1890-91 | 380 | 7 | 11 | 761 | 15 | 11 |
| 1891-92 | 753 | 0 | 6 | 848 | 13 | 8 |
| | 2,633 | 2 | 8 | 1,977 | 15 | 5 |
| 655 | 2 | 10 | | | | |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 10,517 | 5 | 6 | Actual outstandinding on the 30th June 1894. |

78. The difference between the ledger balance and that actually outstanding on 30th June 1894 is Rs. 1,886-8-4, and is due to a net excess debit having been raised against that head thus increasing the debit balance from Rs. 10,517-5-6 to Rs. 12,403-13-10 as explained below—

| Rs. | a. | p. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2,537 | 8 | 6 | A sum of Rs. 2,634-10-6 was credited to Suspense in the Receipt abstract in June 1885 and brought to book. Subsequently Rs. 2,537-8-6 were transferred to "Advances Recoverable" by a correction in red ink in the district abstract, but the original figures were allowed to stand in the detail book and ledger, *i. e.*, a short credit ledger. |

| | | | Deputy Auditor General's Remarks. | Comptroller's Notes. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Amount credited to "Advances recoverable" in the district abstract in October 1890 but erroneously shown against "Advance for survey boundary marks" in the detail | |
| 125 | 12 | 0 | book *i. e.*, a short credit. | |
| | | | Value of timber supplied by the Forest Department to Superintendent, Shimoga Jail, and adjusted in Comptroller's office through transfer book in 1892-93 by credit to Forest and debit to "Advances for Jail Manufactures;" subsequently re-adjusted by a plus entry against "Advances Recoverable" and a minus one against "Advances for Jail manufactures." In June 1893 credit was afforded to "Advances Recoverable" by debit to departments supplied with Jail manufactures, and the adjustment as regards this item was both correct and complete, but in June 1894 the auditor being under the impression that the original adjusting entry with Forest Department had not been re-adjusted by a plus and minus correction erroneously re-adjusted it by means of a formal entry by debit to "Advances Recoverable" and credit to "Advances for Jail Manufactures," thereby raising an excess debit. (This entry was reversed in March 1895. This particular item has undergone five sets of adjust- | |
| 339 | 11 | 6 | ments). | |
| 3,003 | 0 | 0 | Total excess debits. | |
| | | | Deduct amount credited to Suspense in the district abstract in December 1884 but erroneously shown against "Advances Recoverable" in the detail book, | |
| 1,116 | 7 | 8 | *i. e.*, an excess credit. | |
| 1,886 | 8 | 4 | | |

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Net excess debit, being the difference between the actual balance outstanding on 30th June 1894 and that shown in the ledger.

79. Out of Rs. 10,517-5-6, the actual outstanding balance, Rs. 5,269-1-9 have been adjusted during 1894-95, namely, Rs. 389-10-0 by recovering in cash and Rs. 2,169-12-9 by debit to some final head of account, and Rs. 2,709-11-0 through head transfer book debit of another advance.

80. Eleven vouchers in support of the adjustment of amounts aggregating Rs. 505-8-8 were not produced; the reason given is, that they are missing from the bundles. Three vouchers out of the eleven are said to have been taken unofficially by Muzrai Department and not returned. I shall here state an irregular practice noticeable in the Shimoga district, and very probably existing in the other districts also, *i.e.*, the practice of placing amounts for which no vouchers have been received under suspense in the first instance, and then transfering such items to the head "Advances recoverable," if at the end of the year the vouchers are still wanting, no steps being taken either to obtain the vouchers or prevent the recurrence of the irregularity in future. It thus happens that final payments which should be finally charged appear in the Advances Recoverable column of the objection book.

81. The following are the irregularities noticed in detail of items.

| *Items.* | *Irregularities* |
|---|---|
| Nos. 1, 2, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 17, 18, 51 and 74. | 82. Adjusted by debit to a final head of account. Vouchers in support of adjustment missing from bundle. |
| March 1890— No. 8, temple expenses Rs. 6. | 83. Pay of servant should have been finally adjusted. |
| March 1892— No. 20, Sagar taluk school bill Rs. 25-8-0. | 84. Pay of establishment ditto. |
| No. 21, establishment pay bill of Sub-Dy. Inspector Rs. 4-6-5. | 85. Ditto ditto. |

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80. The records of this office had not been even once arranged. Since 1892-93, after obtaining sanction for an additional establishment and for an annual grant for arrear establishment, they were sorted, arranged and partly put in order. In this process of arrangement some displacement of loose bundles and dufters was a necessary result. Most of the vouchers however have since been recovered from the records that remained unsorted and are now kept in their proper places. As all the Headquarter Offices are located in the same Buildings, bills are sometimes given out for reference with the permission of the Heads of Departments concerned.

The reason for placing certain items against "Suspense" has been explained against Bangalore district. Only items for which bills have not been received up to the close of the year have been transferred to "Advances Recoverable," calls having been invariably made for such bills. In the absence of bills it is not possible to adjust the items under proper heads.

82. Repetition. *vide* explanation against para 80 *supra*,

83 to 86. The bills were not received before the close of the year and were therefore not adjusted in time.

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|---|---|
| May 1892.<br>No. 23, establishment pay bill of Honhalli taluk school Rs. 18. — 86. Pay of establishment should have been finally adjusted. | |

NOTE.—Several items of the above nature are still outstanding pending adjustment.

| | |
|---|---|
| 87. The amount was adjusted in July 1894, although the bill bears the audit enfacement dated 27th March 1895 or eight months before audit.<br>June 1893—<br>No. 48, compensation for land taken up for revenue purposes Rs. 6. | 87. The bill was received in July 1894 in all its completeness and was adjusted, but by over-sight the bill was left unaudited in the Register. |
| 88. The amount has been adjusted and removed from objection before the completion of the repairs on the original advance voucher.<br>June 1894—<br>No. 72, amount advanced for the repairs of the temple at Tirthahalli taluk Rs. 308-0-5. | 88. The completion bill was received with the Muzrai Secretary's No. 96—126-92 dated 20th July 1895. |
| 89. On account of establishment charges; should have been charged finally.<br>June 1894—<br>No. 78, bill for expenses of temple at Tirthahalli taluk Rs. 50. | 89. The payment could not be accepted unless sufficient balance was found in favor of the fund to admit of payment. The bill was therefore returned for Treasury Certificate of Credit. |

90. Out of Rs. 7,963-12-0 held under "Advances recoverable" during 1894-95, Rs. 4,920-15-4 were adjusted, the full amount being recovered in cash, leaving a balance of Rs. 3,042-12-8 on account of 1894-95 unadjusted on 30th June 1895.

91. Summary of transactions under Advances Recoverable during 1894-95—

| | | | | Rs. | a. | p. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Actual balance outstanding on 30th June 1894 ... ... ... | | | | 10,517 | 5 | 6 |
| Deduct adjustments— | | | | | | |
| By cash recovery ... | 389 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| By debit to final heads of account .. | 2,169 | 12 | 9 | | | |
| Through transfer book by debit to advance head | 2,709 | 11 | 0 | | | |
| | | | | 5,269 | 1 | 9 |
| Balance outstanding on 30th June 1895 on account of previous year's objections | | | | 5,248 | 3 | 9 |
| Add balance on account of 1894-95 objections as under— | | | | | | |
| Total debits ... | 7,963 | 12 | 0 | | | |
| Total credits ... | 4,920 | 15 | 4 | | | |
| | | | | 3,042 | 12 | 8 |
| Balance outstanding on 30th June 1895 agreed with ledger ... ... | | | | 8,291 | 0 | 5 |

## KADUR DISTRICT.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Debit balance on 30th June 1894 ... | 9,168 | 1 | 2 | 92. The adjustment and balance have been thoroughly analysed & |
| Adjusted during 1894-95 ... ... | 7,404 | 5 | 2 | |
| Balance on 30th June 1895 ... | 1,763 | 12 | 0 | |

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| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Balance of unadjusted items of 1894-95 outstanding on 30th June 1895 | ...14,614 | 2 | 9 |
| Total ... | 16,377 | 14 | 9 |

scrutinised and agreed with the general books.

## CHITALDRUG DISTRICT.

93. This difference is due to short credits in the ledger thereby raising the debit balance from Rs. 5,027-3-6 to Rs. 5,211-0-2 on 30th June 1894 as follows—

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Debit balance on 30th June 1894— | | | |
| As per Ledger ... | 5,211 | 8 | 2 |
| As per Objection Book | 5,027 | 3 | 6 |
| Difference ... | 184 | 4 | 8 |

Rs. 183-4-8 was credited to Advances Recoverable in August 1882 in the district classified abstract, but on posting the detail book the amount was erroneously shown under Sale proceeds of Malwa opium.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Debit balance on 30th June 1895— | | | |
| Agreed with ledger | 7,763 | 2 | 8 |

Re. 1 was short credited to Advances Recoverable in June 1894 as under—

| | Rs. | a. | p. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total credits as per objection book ... | 3,359 | 5 | 9 |
| Total credits as per abstract book ... | 3,358 | 5 | 9 |
| Difference ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |

94. These errors were corrected during 1894-95.

95. Out of a balance of Rs. 5,027-3-6 outstanding on the 30th of June 1894, Rs. 4,668-14-11 were adjusted during 1894-95, namely, Rs. 3,650-14-8 by cash recovery, Rs. 268-0-3 by debit to some final head of account, and Rs. 750 by transfer to advances for building houses.

96. The chief feature in this district is the number of erroneous adjustments of credits afforded on account of amounts outstanding necessitating transfer adjustments years after, in order to remove the old outstanding items. This has been noticed in detail lower down.

97. Another irregularity is the practice of holding under Advances Recoverable the pay of Local Fund Establishment which

97. There appears to be no advantage gained in adding to the already very numerous debt heads maintained in this

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is debitable to two or more funds, the proportion chargeable to each fund being ascertained only at the close of the year. The total cost may be debited to one or the other of the funds in the first instance, or to a separate Suspense head, and final adjustment made at the end of the year without passing the items through the Objection Book.

98. The following erroneous adjustments were noticed during the review of the adjustments made during 1894-95—

*Irregularity in adjustment.*

99. Bill for adjustment of advance dated 7th August 1889, was not audited nor objection removed until April 1895 or nearly six years after. The bill does not bear the countersignature of Muzrai Secretary.

| *Items.* |
|---|
| July 1888— |
| No. 1, amount advanced for the repairs of Govt. chattram at Chitaldrug Rs 240-14-6. |

100. Recovered in cash in January 1892 but erroneously credited to "XIX. Miscellaneous." The objection was not removed until September 1894, when the amount in question was transferred to the correct head.

| |
|---|
| February 1891— |
| No. 2, advance to Deputy Commissioner on account of camp expenses Rs. 200. |

101. Recovered in March 1892 and September 1893, but erroneously credited to "Advances for boundary marks"; correctly adjusted in September 1894.

| |
|---|
| August 1891 and February 1892— |
| Nos. 3 and 6, advance for repairing boundary marks Rs. 100. |

102. Rupees 6-4-0 recovered in June 1892 but erroneously credited to "XIX. Miscellaneous." Error corrected in June 1895.

| |
|---|
| December 1891— |
| No. 5, advance for batta to witnesses Rs. 46-4-0. |

103. Rupees 10, the third instalment recovered by deduction from pay bill, but erroneously charged net instead of gross and per contra credit to advances recoverable; corrected by means of transfer entry in July 1894.

| |
|---|
| July 1893— |
| No. 11, advance for a month's pay to Judicial Record keeper on transfer Rs. 30. |

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office. Arrangements have been made from 1896-97 for adjusting monthly the charges incurred on Local Fund Works, and for debiting the pay of the Local Fund establishment monthly in proportion to the funds without being brought under "Suspense." This procedure, I venture to submit, is much simpler and more systematic than the one suggested.

99. There was then no Muzrai Secretary to countersign. All such bills were accepted on the authority of the Deputy Commissioner.

100 to 103. *Vide* explanation against para 33 *supra*.

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104. The sum of Rs. 1-5-0 overdarwn from municipal funds should not have been debited to Advances recoverable but to municipalities. The credit afforded by Treasury officer to municipal funds would then have been correct instead of necessitating a writeback in June 1895 to credit of Advances Recoverable.

February 1894—
No. 20, amount of fodder charges drawn by Amildar in excess from municipal funds Rs. 1-5-0

105. Should have been charged finally instead of being held under Advances recoverable as the charge was a final one and not an advance.

May 1894—
No. 26, pay bill of statistical clerk for April 1894 Re.0-12-9

105. As the pay of the Statistical Clerk is debited to "District and Municipal Funds," in proportion to their income, it is first held under "Advances Recoverable" and then adjusted at the close of the year. Arrangements have since been made for monthly adjustments as explained against para 97 *supra*.

106. In the year 1894-95 Rs. 11,466-8-11 were held under Advances Recoverable, out of which Rs. 4,061-10-10 were adjusted, namely, Rs. 3,526-13-4 by recovery in cash and Rs. 534-13-6 by debit to some final head of account, leaving a balance of Rs. 7,404-14-1 outstanding on 30th June 1895 on account of 1894-95 objections.

107. Statement of transactions under Advances Recoverable—

| | | | Rs. | a. | p. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Balance outstanding on 30th June 1894.. | | | 5,027 | 3 | 6 |
| Deduct adjustments made during 1894-95— | | | | | |
| By cash recovery | ... | 3,650 14 8 | | | |
| By debit to final heads | ... | 368 0 3 | | | |
| By transfer to some other Advance heads | .. | 750 0 0 | | | |
| | | | 4,668 | 14 | 11 |
| Balance on 30th June 1895 on account of previous years | ... | ... | 358 | 4 | 7 |
| Add balance on 30th June 1895 on account of 1894-95— | | | | | |
| Total debits | ... | 11,466 8 11 | | | |
| Total credits | ... | 4,061 10 10 | | | |
| | | | 7,404 | 14 | 1 |
| Balance on 30th June 1895 agreed with ledger | ... | ... | 7,763 | 2 | 8 |

## MYSORE DISTRICT.

108. Here we have three sets of figures representing the balance under "Advances Recoverable" on the 30th June 1894,

Debit balance on 30th June 1894—
As per ledger .. 3,02,805 7 4
As per statement of outstandings ...2,96,522 13 8
As per opening balance on 1st July 1894 ...2,95,280 4 6

108 to 111. All these discrepencies had been traced and adjusted by this office in 1894-95, with the result that the closing balance on 30th June 1895 as per Objection Book agreed with the Ledger balance as remarked by the Deputy Auditor General, *Vide* para 130 *infra*.

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neither of which agrees with the other nor are the figures in any one set correct.

109. Taking the opening balance on 1st July 1894 as the basis to start with, we have to make the following additions and deductions in order to arrive at the actual outstandings on the 30th June 1894, which were Rs. 2,96,694-9-4, and which differed from that shown in the ledger by Rs. 6,110-14-0 as shown lower down—

| Rs. | a. | p. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2,95,280 | 4 | 6 | |

*Additions:—*

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 13 | 4 | 0 | Mar. 1891 |
| | 180 | 7 | 0 | Sept. 1891 |
| | 1 | 0 | 0 | Aug. 1892 |
| | 451 | 2 | 8 | April. 1893 |
| | 4 | 6 | 0 | May. 1893 |
| | 220 | 7 | 11 | June. 1893 |
| | 19 | 2 | 8 | July. 1893 |
| | 70 | 0 | 0 | Aug. 1893 |
| | 12 | 14 | 5 | Oct. 1893 |
| | 15 | 14 | 0 | Nov. 1893 |
| | 10 | 0 | 0 | June 1894 |
| | 993 | 10 | 8 | |
| 2,96,278 | 15 | 2 | | |

Excess credits from 1890-91 to 1893-94 that is, amounts credited to "Advances Recoverable" and entered in Form D (adjustment register) without corresponding debits, the aggregate debit balance being reduced.

Amount actually outstanding on 30th June 1894 on account of transfer transactions, being excess debits over credits not included in the Objection Books of the years concerned.

| | Debits. Rs. | a. | p. | Credits. Rs. | a. | p. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1887-88 | 201 | 4 | 0 | ... | | |
| 1888-89 | 1,207 | 3 | 5 | ... | | |
| 1889-90 | 1,590 | 0 | 0 | 402 | 8 | 0 |
| 1890-91 | 253 | 14 | 8 | 1,889 | 5 | 0 |
| 1891-92 | 1,280 | 7 | 10 | 645 | 0 | 0 |
| | 4,532 | 13 | 11 | 2,936 | 13 | 0 |

Total Additions.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Deduct amount erroneously excluded from the accounts of January 1894 under head "Advances |
| 1,596 | 0 | 11 | recoverable". |
| 2,97,875 | 0 | 1 | |

Amount erroneously transferred to "Advances for relief works" in June 1893.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| B | 300 | 0 | 0 | |
| | 15 | 6 | 9 | Amount adjusted to credit of "Advances recoverable" prior to |
| | 865 | 0 | 0 | June 1894 but not removed from the Objection Book. |
| | | | | Actual outstanding on 30th |
| 1,180 | 6 | 9 | | June 1894. |
| 2,96,694 | 9 | 4 | | |

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NOTE.—There is a small difference, namely, Rs. 464-3-8 between this amount and that shown as outstanding on 30th June 1894 against the Mysore district in page 7 of Appendix B. due to errors which came to light on a further investigation into the balances outstanding in the several districts.

110. The difference of Rs. 6,110-14-0 is explained below :—

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ledger balance ... | | | ... | 3,02,805 | 7 | 4 |
| Actual outlay ... | | | ... | 2,96,694 | 9 | 4 |
| Difference | | | .. | 6,110 | 14 | 0 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1,200 | 0 | 0 | Excess debit raised in 1891-92 through an error in the adjustment of certain charges on account of police clothing. |
| *5,762 | 4 | 4 | Amount creditable to Advances Recoverable but erroneously posted in the district abstract in December 1891 to Suspense, *i. e.*, short credit. |
| 4 | 0 | 0 | Amount erroneously debited to Advances Recoverable in the ledger for 1893-94, instead of to Artware Advances. |
| 149 | 2 | 11 | Value of timber supplied by the Forest Department to the Superintendent, Mysore Jail, and adjusted through the transfer book in 1892-93 by credit to Forest and debit to "Advance for Jail Manufactures." Subsequently re-adjusted by a plus entry against "Advances Recoverable" and a minus one against "Advances for Jail Manufactures." In June 1893 credit was afforded to "Advances Recoverable" by debit to departments supplied. The transactions so far are correct. In June 1894 the auditor, under a misapprehension, re-adjusted the item by means of a formal entry to debit of "Advances Recoverable" and credit to "Advances for Jail Manufactures," and hence an excess debit. (A similar adjustment appears in the Shimoga district). |

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| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Short credits, *vide* items marked B ... ... | | | 315 | 6 | 9 |
| Total excess debits... | | | 7,430 | 14 | 0 |
| *Deduct*— | | | | | |
| 200 | 0 | 0 | Amount of excess credit on account of transfers from "Advances Recoverable" to "Forest Advances" in 1890-91. | | |
| 50 | 0 | 0 | Amount credited to "Advances Recoverable" for which no debit appeared in the district. | | |
| 50 | 0 | 0 | Amount credited to "Advances Recoverable" instead of to P. W. Department. | | |
| 21 | 5 | 4 | Amount of Suspense receipts erroneously credited to "Advances Recoverable" in November 1890. | | |
| 998 | 10 | 8 | Excess credits, *vide* item marked A. | | |
| 1,320 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| 6,110 | 14 | 0 | Net excess debits. | | |

111. Out of a balance of Rs.2,96,694-9-4, Rs. 1,29,218-5-5 only have been adjusted during 1894-95 as follows—

| | Rs. | a. | p. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash ... ... ... | 19,912 | 12 | 6 |
| By debit to Service heads ... | 29,058 | 12 | 10 |
| By debit to Debt head ... | 28,504 | 4 | 1 |
| By transfer to another Advance head | 51,742 | 8 | 0 |
| Total ... | 1,29,218 | 5 | 5 |

leaving a balance on 30th June 1895 of Rs. 1,67,476-3-11 on account of previous year's outstandings.

112. From the above memo of adjustment it will be seen that the largest item is on account of transfers to some other Advance heads, which is really no adjustment but merely a reduction of balance under one head with a corresponding increase somewhere else.

113. Cash recoveries represent the smallest item. Of the balance of Rs. 1,67,476-3-11 outstanding, Rs. 1,15,526-11-9 represents

112. A loan of Rs. 53,640 and odd was made to a Saukar for a special purpose, and about Rs. 3,000 on account of House Building Advances to some of the State Officials. These items unnecessarily swelled the balance under "Advances." It was also wrong in principle to have included them under that head. They were therefore, transferred to their proper heads—*viz.*, Loans and House Building Advances.

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amounts advanced for the Improvement of the Mysore town and fort already noticed in Appendix E.

114. A salient feature in this district is the number of final payments held under "Advances Recoverable." As already noticed in the other districts, this is due to amounts held under Suspense during the year and transferred wholesale at its close to "Advances Recoverable."

115. Twenty-seven vouchers aggregating to Rs. 1,646-14-2 were not forthcoming in support of adjustments charged to some final head of accounts. These vouchers are on account of final payments and were received a considerable time after the accounts to which they appertained. The items were removed from objection and the vouchers mislaid.

116. Large sums of money on account of repairs to temples are removed from objection on abstract measurement statements drawn up by overseers without any certificate to the effect that the repairs have been carried out in a satisfactory way, nor are they countersigned by any one who has actually inspected the works, as is done in the other districts. In some cases the Muzrai Secretary's countersignature appears on the bill. This is accepted as sufficient authority to pass the charge, as the Muzrai Secretary represents the Government in the Muzrai Department; but apart from this I think there should be some record to the effect that the works have been inspected and accepted.

117. The following are the minor irregularities noticed

*Items.*

No. 55, advance to Amildar, Scringapatam Rs. 121-10-0.

118. Rupees 10 credited in June 1895 and taken in reduction of this item although it does not appear to be on this account.

No. 94, Khedda advances Rs. 500.

119. At the end of 1890-91 it was found that Rs.700 had been transferred to Forest Advances in excess of debits under Advances Recoverable, an item of Rs. 500 was outstanding in Objection Book, and Rs. 500 of the excess was taken against it in March 1895. The balance of Rs.200 was re-adjusted through the transfer book.

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114. Explanations against other districts apply here also.

115. Some of the vouchers have since been found, *vide* explanation against para 80 *supra*.

116. These bills have been accepted and sanction recorded on the bills themselves by the Muzrai Secretary who is himself the Muzrai Superintendent, and there is therefore no necessity for the countersignature of any other officer.

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120. Original receipt of payee said to be lost by Deputy Commissioner. The amount has been removed from objection under Government Proceedings No. 498—M. 15-95, dated 18th October 1895.

No. 110, Sub-Divisional Officer for repairing Sri Ranganathaswami temple Rs. 2,803-12-6.

121. Bills for the adjustment of Rs. 3,104-0-5 were submitted, where as only Rs. 1,665-15-0 were outstanding. A reference was I believe made as regards the balance, but no reply has, as far as I can gather, been received up to date.

Nos. 138, 139, 142, 144 and 145, amounts advanced for the reception of the Grand Duke of Russia Rs. 1,665-15-0.

122. The amounts were removed from "Advances Recoverable" by debit to "XXIV. Miscellaneous" and held under "Items adjusted but awaiting clearance" in the objection book.

Nos. 154 to 160 and 163 to 169 and 171, advances for the reception of the Geikwar of Baroda Rs. 14,566-3-2.

122 and 123. The bill with vouchers was received in the Chief Secretary's Office and was awaiting formal sanction for want of some explanation. The amount was provisionally adjusted and brought under "Items-adjusted but awaiting clearance."

123. No vouchers, proceedings or other documents support this adjustment.

124. This is a recurring item of expenditure and should have been charged finally.

Nos. 293, 335, etc., feeding charges in K. K. Subrao's chatter, per mensem Rs. 45.

125. Bills for adjustment of Rs. 4,000 outstanding in the Mysore district were received. Rs. 1,352-2-10 only were outstanding under "Advances Recoverable" and were consequently removed. Rs. 35,456 were held under "Items adjusted but awaiting clearance," on the same account. It is not known whether the balance of Rs. 4,000 after adjusting Rs. 1,352-2-10 were taken in part adjustment of the latter sum. The full amount of Rs. 35,456 was however removed in March 1895.

| Nos. 251 and 254, balance of advances for reception of Viceroy | Rs. | a. | p. |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 52 | 2 | 10 |
| | 1,300 | 0 | 0 |

125. The sum of Rs. 4,000 formed a part of the amount held under "Items adjusted but awaiting clearance" on this account.

Deputy Auditor General's Remarks.

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126. A bill in adjustment of Rs. 285-6-10 was submitted. Rs. 275-10-10 were passed and Rs. 9-12-0 disallowed, but only Rs. 100 were removed from objection, the balance is still outstanding in the Objection Book.

Nos. 316, 326 and 329, detail bill on account of Government House contingencies

| Rs. | a. | p. |
|---|---|---|
| 50 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | 5 | 0 |
| 46 | 11 | 0 |
| 100 | 0 | 0 |

127. Originally held under Suspense; at end of year transferred to advances recoverable; subsequently removed from Advances Recoverable by debit to Medical, although a portion was recoverable from H. M.'s Government on account of leave allowance. Portion recovered in cash also credited to Advances Recoverable. Excess credit under Advances Recoverable subsequently transferred to credit of Miscellaneous instead of to debit head in reduction of original charge.

No. 354, pay of Dr. Benson Rs. 754-2-3.

128. Debited to "Advances Recoverable" instead of being charged off finally and being held under column "Adjusted but awaiting clearance," pending receipt of countersigned bill. Rs. 261-6-6 only were passed and the balance disallowed, but the whole amount has been removed from objection.

No. 463, abstract contingent bill of the Deputy Commissioner's office Rs. 262-2-6.

129. Out of Rs. 1,51,788-12-6 debited to Advances Recoverable during 1894-95, Rs. 1,01,261-5-2 have been adjusted, namely, Rs. 74,234-3-11 by cash recoveries, Rs. 10,123-12-7 by debit to some final head of accounts, Rs. 16,903-4-8 by transfer to some other Advance head, leaving a balance of Rs. 51,392-7-4 outstanding on 30th June 1895 on account of 1894-95.

130. The total balance outstanding on 30th June 1895 is as follows :—

| | | Rs. | a. | p. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| On account of previous years | ... | 1,67,476 | 3 | 11 |
| On account of 1894-95 | ... | 51,392 | 7 | 4 |
| Total | ... | 2,18,868 | 11 | 3 |

and this agrees with the ledger.

## HASSAN DISTRICT.

Deputy Auditor General's Remarks.

131. It would appear that adjustments have been made and brought on the books which have not been shown in the objection books.

| Balance outstanding on 30th June 1894— | Rs. | a. | p. |
|---|---|---|---|
| As per Objection Books | 27,875 | 9 | 9 |
| As per Ledger ... | 21,855 | 12 | 4 |
| Difference ... | 6,019 | 13 | 5 |

132. Of the adjustments made during 1894-95, Rs. 12,400-8-7 though charged to Service heads stands unadjusted under "Items adjusted but awaiting clearance" for want of vouchers &c.,

Balance outstanding on 30th June 1895—
Ledger and Objection Book Rs. 16,382-8-6.

133. A voucher in adjustment of three items of advance aggregating Rs. 450 for 1885-86 was received on the 20th February 1896, but no adjustment had actually been made in the accounts up to the middle of June.

Comptroller's Notes.

132. Vouchers for the full amount have since been received.

133. The delay was owing to the engagement of the Accountants with the Test Auditors.

### GENERAL REMARKS.

The several irregularities and differences pointed out by the Duputy Auditor-General were, long before the Inspection, analysed and adjusted as explained against para 3 (3) *supra*.